Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* It is made evident from the answer that when appointments are to be made for the Palace Gardens only Caste Hindus can be appointed. I can perfectly understand that. What I suggest is if there are Caste Hindus in other places they may be transferred to the Palace Gardens and fresh appointments from among other communities made in other places. That also may be borne in mind when fresh appointments are made.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They are already employed. When recruitments are made this question will be considered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* When fresh appointments are to be made Caste Hindus in service may be transferred to the Palace Gardens and members from other communities may be appointed in their places.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* What was the explanation submitted by the Director of Agriculture for the second order?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He said he would carry out the instructions. He gave explanation why he was not able to carry out the orders. We have asked him to see that these orders are carried out.

WAR SUPPLIES—TOURS OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, WAR SUPPLY BOARD, AND CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES

85. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state how long the supply officer remained in the State; whether any Head of the Department met him and had a discussion with him regarding the supply?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Mr. Dow, Vice-President, War Supply Board, visited the State on 1st August 1940 and stayed for a day. There was a discussion on questions of War supplies in which the Secretary to Government, Chief Engineer, Chief Medical Officer, Director of Industries and Commerce and Conservator of Forests took part.

(*b*) Mr. M. A. Sreenivasan, Controller of Supplies, Madras visited the State on 24th August 1940 and left on 26th August 1940. The above Heads of Departments had discussions with him on the question of War supplies.

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(c) Mr. Mason, Deputy Director of the Government of India Timber Directorate, was in the State from 21st to 25th August 1941. The Conservator of Forests met him and had discussions with regard to the supply question. I may submit that the Hon'ble Minister also was present.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether the discussion had any tangible result just as in Travancore where, as a result of the discussions, they have undertaken to supply so many articles for use in the war? That will be a great help.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* They were productive of very good results. I have prepared a report from memory on what took place at least when the second officer visited. If the hon'ble member would care to look into it, I am prepared to give it to him.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Yes. I would like to see it.

Sir, may I know whether the Cochin Government have entered into any sort of contract with the Supply Officer? I understand, in Travancore, there have been so many contracts entered into between the State and the Supply Department so that the people are given a lot of work. Here in Cochin State the Annamalai Timber Trust have undertaken to supply timber with the result that a lot of people are employed. It is only with a view to draw the attention of the Government to that fact that I have put this question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether non-officials have been brought into touch with these officers?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, I will give their names—Mr. Govinda Pai, Mr. Balarama Ayyar, Manager, Textile Industries, Mr. Mampilly, Secretary, Cocoanut Growers Association and Mr. E. John Kuruvilla of the Annamalai Timber Trust.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Has any decision been arrived at regarding the articles which the Cochin Government can supply?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No decision could be arrived at. The number of articles would come to about 60,000 items. Exploratory discussion went on.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether either from the Forest Department or from any other Department articles are supplied?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The Forest Department is making a very notable contribution to the war effort.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Does the Cochin Government get any benefit out of it and are the people of the State employed in the business?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It benefits the Cochin Government also and it benefits the people employed in those industries.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, we have not taken full advantage of the facilities derived from war supply, and the Government are considering seriously how to take full advantage of the circumstances so that it may be beneficial to the Imperial Government and to ourselves.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Sir, we have been making large contribution of timber and a large number of people is employed in it.

WAR PUBLICITY OFFICER—PAY AND QUALIFICATIONS

86. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) വാർ പബ്ലിസിറ്റി ഓഫീസറുടെ പുതിയ നിയമനം എത്ര ശമ്പളനിരക്കിലാണെന്നു പറയാമോ;

(ബി) ഈ നിയമനം വല്ല പ്രത്യേക യോഗ്യതയും പരിഗണിച്ചാണോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ:

(എ) മാസത്തിൽ ൪൫൦ ക.

(ബി) ആ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിനു വേണ്ട യോഗ്യതയിൽ കവിഞ്ഞു് ഒരു പ്രത്യേക യോഗ്യതയും പരിഗണിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

WAR PUBLICITIY OFFICER—APPOINTMENT OF—CLAIMS OF PREVIOUS PUBLICITY OFFICER

87. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) പബ്ലിസിറ്റി ഓഫീസറുടെ തസ്തിക എന്നുമുതൽ നിറുത്തലാക്കി;

(ബി) ഇപ്പോൾ ഒരു വാർ പബ്ലിസിറ്റി ഓഫീസറുടെ ആവശ്യം നേരിട്ടപ്പോൾ മുൻപിലത്തെ പബ്ലിസിറ്റി ഓഫീസറെപ്പറ്റി ഗൌനിക്കേണ്ടതായിരുന്നില്ലെ?

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